

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1, 3, 13 and 14 and leaves claims 2, 4-12 and 15-25 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-25.

Claims 13-19 stand objected to due to informalities in paragraph 7 of the Office Action. Amendments were made to claims 13-19 to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Therefore, this objection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 3-5 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. Various amendments were made throughout claims 3-5 and 14 to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12 and 20-23 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Oishi (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/008119); claims 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Ishiyama (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0120766); claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 14, 18, 19, 24 and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Veerepalli (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0153324) in view of Ishiyama (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0120766); and claims 15-17 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Veerepalli in combination with Ishiyama and further in view of Oishi. These rejections are traversed for the

following reasons. Applicants submit that the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by Oishi, Veerepalli or Ishiyama whether taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Amendments were made to the claims to more clearly describe that the present invention is directed to a communication system, gateway equipment for use in the communication system and authentication method implementing functions performed in the communication system.

According to the present invention, the communication system includes a home network installed with a home agent for holding mobile terminal location information of a mobile terminal, a visited network installed with a radio communication device for communicating with a mobile terminal and gateway equipment in the home network for forming an interface with the home network.

According to the present invention the radio communication device includes an access request transfer means for forwarding an access request from the mobile terminal of the visited network to the gateway equipment. The gateway equipment according to the present invention includes a prefix request means for requesting a prefix for the mobile terminal for the home agent in response to an access request from the mobile terminal and a prefix transfer means for receiving the requested prefix from the home agent and forwarding the received prefix to the mobile terminal. According to the present invention the prefix is used to generate a home address in the mobile terminal.

The above described features of the present invention now more clearly recited in the claims are described, for example, on pages 10-11 of the present application wherein it is shown that the home agent and the gateway equipment contain a DHCP-PD and as such distributes prefixes to the mobile terminals. According to the present invention as described in the above noted passages of the present application the mobile terminal generates a home address according to the distributed prefix. Thus, by implementing this procedure the mobile terminal can acquire a home address when visiting a network other than its home network.

Thus, according to the present invention, a Home Agent (HA) and gateway equipment are provided comprising a DHCP-PD function, wherein the HA and gateway equipment can distribute a prefix to a mobile terminal. As per the present invention, the mobile terminal can generate the home address based on the distributed prefix. Therefore, the mobile terminal can acquire its home address in a network other than its home network (refer to line 10 - 24 in page 11 in the specification).

Precisely, this feature of the present invention provides a solution to the problem exhibited in the IP-v6 protocol wherein it is difficult for a mobile terminal to determine its home address when it is operated in a visited network other than its home network. According to the present invention, the mobile terminal generates a home address based on the distributed prefix.

However, Oishi does not disclose that the mobile terminal generates home address based on a prefix. Also, Verrepalli does not disclose that the mobile terminal generates home address based on a prefix. Ishiyama discloses only IP-v6 address generating method, which IP address is

generated from a prefix and but does not disclose an IP-v6 address generation method for a mobile terminal (mobile IP-v6). Ishiyama does not disclose that a generated IP address is a home address or a care of (c/o) address.

Furthermore, Verrepalli and Ishiyama both do not disclose that the mobile terminal acquires home address in a network other than the home network. Therefore, each cited references does not disclose the features of the present invention that HA and gateway comprise DHCP-PD function and distribute prefix to mobile terminal and that the mobile terminal generates home address according to the distributed prefix.

Furthermore, Verrepalli which discloses a technique of mobile IP cannot be combined with Ishiyama which does not disclose technique of mobile IP in the manner suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Accordingly, as is quite from the above the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by either of the references of record particularly Oishi, Veerepalli or Ishiyama whether taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner.

Thus, Oishi, Veerepalli and Ishiyama fail to teach or suggest a gateway equipment having a prefix request means for requesting a prefix the mobile terminal from the home agent in response an access from the mobile terminal and a prefix transfers means for transferring the requested prefixed from the home agent and forwarding the received prefix to the mobile agent wherein the prefix is used to generate a home address in the mobile terminal as recited in the claims.

As is quite clear from the above, the features of the present invention are not taught or suggested by Oishi, Veerepalli or Ishiyama whether taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC §102(e) rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-12 and 20-23 as being anticipated by Oishi, the 35 USC §102(e) rejection of claims 8 and 9 as being anticipated by Ishiyama and the 35 USC §103(a) rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 14, 18, 19, 24 and 25 as being unpatentable over Veerepalli in view of Ishiyama is respectfully requested.

The remaining references of record have been studied. Applicants submit that they do not supply any of the deficiencies noted above with respect to the reference utilized in the rejection of claims 1-25.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-25 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-25 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (1213.42935X00).

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